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SUBJECT: JACK ANDERSON ARTICLES

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1. AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA DROPPED BY DEPARTMENT TODAY WITH COPY OF A NOTE ASKING FOR OUR ANSWER TO TWO QUESTIONS. THE FIRST QUESTION WAS TWOFOLD. IT ASKED WHAT CONFIDENTIAL USG DOCUMENT ANDERSON HAD IN HIS POSSESSION AND WHETHER THE USG HAD GIVEN IT TO HIM. THE SECOND QUESTION ASKED WHETHER AID HAD ANY CLAIMS (RECLAMOS) ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF AID FUNDS IN NICARAGUA.

2. CEN DIRECTOR LAZAR TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO ANSWER THE FIRST PART OF THE FIRST QUESTION AS WE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING WHAT ANDERSON DOES OR DOES NOT HAVE. LAZAR URGED THAT THIS PORTION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE QUESTION BE DELETED. HE FURTHER URGED THAT NICARAGUANS

RE-CONSIDER ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S ADVICE TO NOT
RAISE THESE QUESTIONS IN WRITING. LAZAR EMPHASIZED
POSSIBLE ADVERSE PUBLICITY EFFECTS FOR NICARAGUA BY RE-
OPENING THIS CONTROVERSY.

3. SEVILLA SACASA AGREED WITH LAZAR ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY
OF DELETING THE FIRST PORTION OF THE FIRST QUESTION AND

INDICATED THAT IT WAS INCLUDED ON SOMOZA'S INSISTENCE. HE
ALSO APPEARED TO BE IMPRESSED WITH THE ARGUMENT AGAINST
PURSUING THE REQUEST FOR AN OFFICIAL WRITTEN DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT, HOWEVER, HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT SOMOZA
WOULD PROBABLY NOT ACCEPT THIS SUGGESTION. INGERSOLL

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